



NEWSLETTER



WATERFORD, WI

January-March 2009

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 1-Office closed
- 6-Nomination Papers due 5 p.m.
- 31-First Installment of Taxes due

FEBRUARY

- 17- Digital TV Broadcasting begins-see article on pg.

MARCH

- 7-Waterford Home and Commerce Show 9a.m.-4p.m. Waterford Union High School

Permit Now Required to Use Village Drop-Off Site

The Village operates a drop-off site located at 801 Ela Avenue. It is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Wednesday throughout the year. It is also open 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Saturday from April 1st through December 31st and the first Saturday of each month from January 1st through March 31st.

Village is requiring the use of the Drop-off Site Permit to be obtained from the Village of Waterford.

Permits are FREE and easy to obtain from the Village Hall located at 123 N. River Street, north of the library, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00

- To drop off items, residents must obtain a permit from at Village Hall.
- No commercial and business related dumping is allowed.
- Building permitted projects are required to provide

disposal of construction debris. A dumpster is required for new construction, improvements, remodeling, and reconstruction of an existing structure per the Village Ordinance. These items are not allowed to

You can pick up your permit at the Village Hall

**123 N River Street
Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Please bring proof of residency
Only 1 permit per household**

Permit is a static sticker that can be removed to place in a second or new vehicle.

The drop-off site is for use by Village residents for the disposal of large appliances, furniture, mattresses, microwaves, scrap metal, waste oil and yard waste. The Village pays for the disposal of these items through the taxes levied each year. Many non-residents and commercial businesses have been coming to the drop-off site to dispose of materials that are not allowed, such as construction debris, car tires, recyclables, or items related to their business. The drop-off site is for residential use only. In addition disposal costs have risen significantly in the last two years. Due to these circumstances and need to clearly identify residents of the Village, the

p.m. Monday through Friday. In order to obtain a permit you will need to provide proof of residency. You will receive a permit to affix to the interior right corner of the vehicle's windshield while using the drop-off site. The permit is a static cling sticker and can be removed and placed in a second vehicle if you own one or purchase a new vehicle. No items will be accepted unless a permit is on the vehicle.

We would like to remind everyone of the Drop-off Site regulations:

be disposed of at the drop-off site.

- Bags enclosing disposal items or yard waste will NOT be returned.

Materials dropped off at the site will be limited to one pick up truck (3 cubic yards) the day the drop off site is open.

If there are any further questions, please contact Village Hall at 262-534-3980. ♦

Inside this issue:

*New drop off site information,
Library Information, Water and
Sewer Rates, Tax information,
Digital TV Regulations*

Permit Required for Drop off site	1
Tax Information	2
Home and Commerce Show	3
Library Info	4-7
Winter Reminders Health/Fitness Challenge	8
Water and Sewer Info	9-10
Digital TV	11

The Tax Message

Along with all of the other good tidings that we receive in the mail at this time of the year, we get the property tax bill. We probably like these less than all of the sales flyers that we also receive. Unfortunately, taxes are a chosen necessity. Without them we would not have very many village services.

Among those services that we enjoy, and that your taxes support, are snow plowing, street and park maintenance, water and sewer. They also include fire, police, emergency transport, garbage pickup and street lighting. We have an attractive and very serviceable village hall and one of the best libraries in the area. We have some highly skilled and dedicated people who administer and perform all of these services and maintain properties owned by the village taxpayers.

Sales taxes are subtle. We pay a little each time we buy something. Even though we may be paying quite an amount during the course of the year,

a little at a time doesn't get much of our attention. Property taxes do not have that advantage. The whole bill comes on one page. It is always a jolt and the village employees and trustees are aware of this.

Consequently, the budget encompasses some very thoughtful efforts by the Administration, the Treasurer and all of the departments. The document is reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. Operation items are a must unless people are willing to give up some of the mentioned services. Operations are continuously monitored for benefit and efficiency. Plus, much is volunteered, especially in the Fire and Rescue Department.

Capital outlay is a major item. Fire engines last a long time, but a new one costs between \$450,000. and \$700,000. Dump trucks and rescue squads cost from \$100,000. to \$165,000. Other

by David Richmond, Village President

large ticket items include emergency generators, pumps and re-roofing of buildings. The village allocates some outlay monies each year, not only to maintain the equipment rotation, but also to keep the tax levy on as even a basis as possible.

Other factors that affect the tax levy are intergovernmental aids. The state pays certain monies to the village, however, as the value of the village property increases, the state aids decrease. The county levies a tax that covers a portion of the library services that are provided to other areas, outside of the Village.

Overall, the budget is a document that represents what is believed to be the will of the residents. Essential services are provided in the most economical manner. Employees and representatives are doing their best to maintain what is workable. Lastly, your support and positive input is always appreciated. ♦

First Installment of Tax Bills are Due Soon

By Lori Peternell, Treasurer

We are at the busiest time of the year for our office. Please be prepared with your check written out in advance before you step up to the counter and have your payment stubs available also. Don't forget to endorse any escrow checks! Sorry, we cannot sign over any escrow checks under any circumstances. An

information flyer was included with all tax bills, please read it carefully. If you have any questions, give us a call, we are happy to help! If you didn't receive the Lottery Credit in the amount of \$96.26 on your tax bill, ask us how to qualify. At least the first installment of real estate taxes is due and payable to the Vil-

lage of Waterford by January 31, 2009. Late payments made in person or postmarked after January 31, 2009 will be considered delinquent and forwarded to the Racine County Treasurer for processing of penalties and interest. ♦

Ever Wonder How Your Tax Dollars Are Distributed?

Below is a chart to show that for every \$1000 dollars of assessed value of a property, how tax funds (a/k/a mill rate) are distributed to each of the taxing districts within the Village of Waterford.

TAX YEAR	STATE	COUNTY	VILLAGE	GRADED SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL	GATEWAY	(LESS) STATE SCHOOL CREDIT	TOTAL MILL RATE
2007	\$.21	\$4.06	\$7.24	\$8.27	\$4.62	\$1.48	(\$1.82)	\$24.06
2008	\$.21	\$4.02	\$7.42	\$8.40	\$4.62	\$1.49	(\$2.14)	\$24.02

Village Ordinance Reminders

The speed limit in the Village is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Please use caution and observe the limits when driving near schools and in residential areas. The minimum fine for a first offense of speeding in the Village is \$100.

Snow removal is required within 24 hours of a snow storm. Residents must shovel all sidewalks and use salt to melt and prevent any ice accumulation. The fine for failure to shovel sidewalks is \$71.20.

Odd/Even parking is required in the Village, especially in the winter months so snow plows can get through the streets. The fine for parking on the wrong side of the street is \$20 if paid within 5 days and \$25 after 5 days.

Waterford's 14th Annual Home & Commerce Show

We invite you to join our 14th Annual Home & Commerce Show. We have grown each year and are extremely proud of last year's show. Because of the exhibitors and the more than 3,000 individuals attending, the show was a tremendous success.

NEW this year!

- This year we will have feature "A Walk in the Park" with arts and classi-

cal entertainment in the Community Room

- There will also be 6 seminars offered by local businesses to inform you on hot topics

LOTS of free entertainment

Taste of Waterford: Local restaurants will again share their specialties.

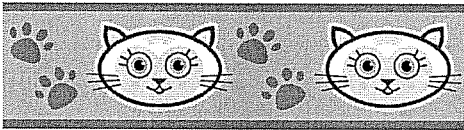
Kid Zone: Activities throughout the day in an enclosed area. A favorite last

year!

Entertainment: Entertainers / Speakers will be scheduled. Watch for details!

Admission is \$2 per person. Half of the proceeds will be donated to Love Inc. Exhibitor space still available. Please call the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce at 262-534-5911 for more information OR email us your questions at waterfordchamber@tds. ♦

If it Wags, it Needs a Tag



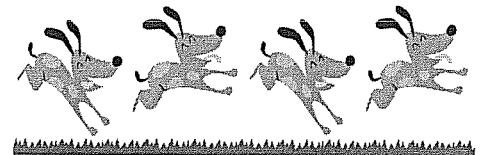
All cats and dogs who live in the Village must have a license. The fees have increased this year for dog and cat licenses. The fees are \$10 for neutered or spayed and \$15 for those that are not neutered or spayed. The required fee along with proof of rabies vaccination are due by March 31 to

avoid a late fee of \$5.

Village ordinance allows for two pets in the Village of Waterford. If you have a third animal, you must complete a Special Permit for Third Animal application. The application fee is \$25 plus applicable license fees.

While out walking your dog, please take an extra moment to pick up after your pet and respect the property of

others. Most dog owners are conscientious about their responsibility, but those who are not spoil it for everyone. Vacant lots are owned by someone and should not be used for your pets dumping grounds. All pets must also be on a leash . ♦



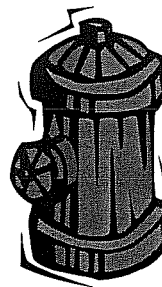
Adopt a Fire Hydrant

As winter approaches, help the Fire Department by adopting the fire hydrant closest to your home or business and keep it free of snow this winter.

At a fire, the Fire Department must quickly locate and gain a water supply source from the closest fire hydrant. If it is buried by snow, it is

difficult to find and valuable time is spent digging it out. The delay in gaining a water supply from a fire hydrant may be a life or death situation.

You can help the Fire Department by keeping the snow clear from



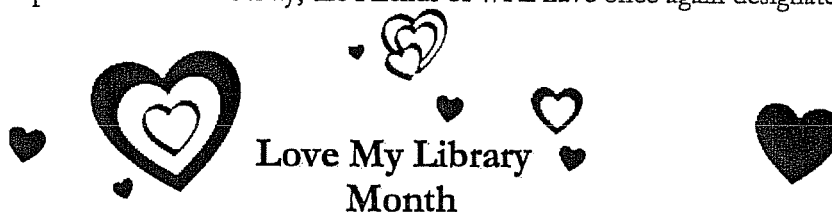
around the hydrant and shovel a path from the street or roadway up to the fire hydrant. This will allow the Fire Department to quickly locate a fire hydrant and obtain a water supply for firefighting activities.

Contact the Fire Department at 534-3911 if you have any questions about adopting a fire hydrant ♦

By Vikki Zuehlke, Clerk

Dear Friend,

You may have seen or carried Waterford Library's *Love My Library* book bags many times in recent years. In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the Friends of WPL have once again designated February:



The Friends raised over \$2300 last year when 79 families and individuals supported *Love my Library Month* with their contributions. When you make a donation this year of \$25 or more during the month of February to **Friends of Waterford Public Library**, your name will be placed on the bookplate of a new volume as a 2009 donor. You will also be entered in a drawing with a chance to win the *Life is Like a Box of Chocolates* prize package including a gift certificate for Thai-Italina Restaurant, Showtime movie passes and a box of chocolates puzzle.

Throughout this next year, the Friends of WPL will continue to welcome new members. Our mission has always been to enhance and support library collections and programs. As always, we will continue to look for new and fun ways to do that. If you are willing to join our endeavors, sign up below. Please help us with your membership donation today!

Sincerely,

Pam Belden, Library Director
Friends of Waterford Public Library

Turn in your donation and completed form at the library or mail to:
Friends of Waterford Public Library, 101 N. River St., Waterford, WI 53185
Checks should be made payable to: **Friends of Waterford Public Library**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Annual Membership:

____ Family Membership \$35
____ Individual Member \$25
____ Senior Citizen \$15
____ Student \$10
____ Other \$ _____

I'm willing to help with:

____ Special events
____ Clerical Work
____ Planning
____ In-kind contributions

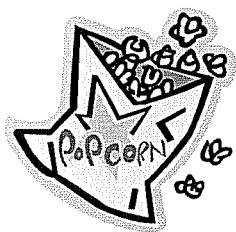
Waterford Public Library Children's Programs

Lap-Sit Storytimes

Lap-Sit Storytimes are available to all children under three-years-old with their caregiver. Storytime includes sign language, stories, finger plays, and songs for toddlers. It starts at 9:15 and runs for about twenty minutes. Scheduled dates are January 7 or 8, January 21 or 22, February 4 or 5, February 18 or 19, March 4 or 5, and March 18 or 19.

Pre-School Storytime

Pre-school storytimes are held the first three weeks of each month on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Three-year-olds will be welcome at the 10:00 sessions; four- and five-year-olds are welcome at the 10:45 sessions. Both sessions will run for 30 minutes and will include sign language, stories, songs, fingerplays, movement and a craft. Registration is required. Call, stop in, or e-mail (tc Cox@waterford.lib.wi.us) to register.



Movie Events at the Library

Bring your whole family for our special movie events. The date for January's movie is Saturday, January 24 at 10:00AM. Monday night, February 23 and Tuesday night, March 24 at 6:00 are the next planned movie dates. Popcorn and soda is served at all movies. Please check the library's website or stop in at the library for movie titles.

Building Blocks Storytime

Linda Breuer from Family Smart/Kid Friendly and Love, Inc. will host Building Blocks storytimes for pre-school families on Tuesdays, January 20 – February 24. No registration is required.

Family Story Times

All family members are invited to come to our monthly family storytimes the second Tuesday night of each month. Family storytime is held at 6:30 and geared for all ages. January's theme is Shiver and Shake on the 13th. In February we will celebrate sweet treats on the 10th. We will set sail with a boating theme in March on the 10th.

Teen Advisory Board

The mission of the Waterford Public Library Teen Advisory Board is to meet and discuss topics of interest to teens, teen material selection, and teen programming. Any student in grades 8 – 12 can volunteer to participate in our monthly meetings. Other volunteer opportunities are available for all members. The Teen Advisory Board will meet on January 19 at 6:30. Contact Tricia at tc Cox@waterford.lib.wi.us with any questions or if you are interested in joining.

Wii Gaming Fun!

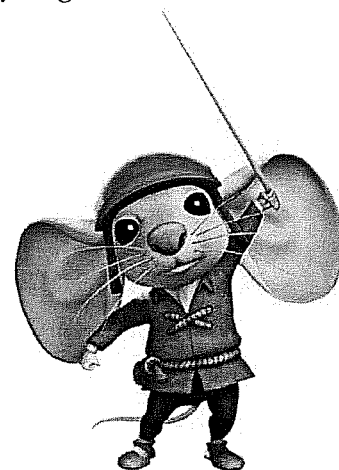
Join us for a Wii gaming event on Friday, February 27 from 1:00 – 4:00. We will have open play on the Wii with several games to choose from. Children must be 8-years-old to remain in the library unattended. Parents and other grown-ups are welcome to come and play with us. Reminder: there is no school on this day. See you there!

Story Sampler

With so many children's books drawing attention in Hollywood, it's hard to decide what books would work for your child. Here are a few best-selling titles that are being recommended by the children's department. Check them out!

Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo is an adorable tale about a tiny mouse who realizes that he can be as brave as a knight. The movie will have been out in theaters since December 19. Before going to see it in the theater, try reading it together as a family!

Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan is the first book in the *39 Clues* series. It's like a National Treasure for kids and includes collecting clue cards and following the news at the *39 Clues* website. This series is perfect for 5th through 7th grade readers and a lot of fun! One False Note is the second book in the series and the third book will be released in March 2009. Finally, for those who haven't read Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick, be sure not to miss this Caldecott winning book. A movie based on the story is expected in the future. The story of a boy living in a busy Paris train station and the mysterious events surrounding a mechanical man is told alternately in pictures and words. Fourth through sixth grade independent readers would enjoy the story, but younger children would enjoy reading it with an adult.
Happy reading!



Adult Classes & Programs

Chainmaille Jewelry Classes

All classes are taught by jewelry design artist **Diane Miller**. Students must bring: 2 jewelry pliers; one flat nose and one chain nose pliers or 2 of either to each class. Class size is limited to 8 students and registration is required. Class fees include all materials and are non-refundable and nontransferable. Samples of each design are on display at the library. Call library at 262-534-3988 to register for classes on the following dates:

Monday, February 2 at 5:30 PM

Monday, March 2 at 5:30 PM

Adult Book Club 2009

Please call to reserve your seat.



Discussions begin at 6:15 PM on the following Wednesday evenings:

1/28 - The Time Traveler's Wife

by Audrey Niffenegger

2/25 - Lincoln, A Photobiography

by Russell Freedman

3/25 - Family Tree

by Barbara Delinsky

Books are available or can be reserved at the circulation desk.

Beginning Computer Classes



All classes are taught by Waterford Library, IT tech Andrea Degroat. Classes are limited to 10 participants and registration is required. Call the library @ 534-3988 to register.

Hands-on Basic Computer Class - Part 1

Wednesday, January 21 - 10am or 2pm

Students will learn about Basic computer terminology, using the start menu, single and double clicking, and scroll bars, using a mouse & keyboard

and other aspects of basic computer operation. *Deadline to register is Monday, January 5th.*

Hands-on Basic Computer Class - Part 2

*Wednesday, February 18
10am or 2pm*

Students will learn how to insert text, erase text, move text up and down the computer screen and master the blinking cursor.

The deadline to register is Monday, February 2nd.

Hands-on Basic Computer Class - Part 3

Wednesday, March 19 - 10am or 2pm

Students will learn how to send, receive and reply to messages. E-mail addresses, inboxes and other basic functions of e-mail systems will be discussed. *The deadline to register is Monday, 2nd.*



Spotlight on Lincoln

Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30pm

It's Honest Abe's 200th Birthday! And local historian, Joanne Scheffel hops aboard the train to ride with our greatest president from Springfield, Illinois to Cooper Union School in New York City. When he spoke there, he captivated the audience with his vision for our county and launched himself into the national spotlight as a serious presidential contender. Joanne brings Lincoln to life by sharing his thoughts and fears as he made the historic trip and delivered the speech that propelled him to the White House. The talk is suitable for Lincoln admirers of all ages. Refreshments will be served.



Needlework Group

The group meets every Wednesday in the History Room at

the library from 12:30-2:00 pm. If you need a little help or have a craft to share, this is the group to join! No registration is required.

Adult Digital Camera Club

3rd Wednesday every month @6:00pm

Do you want instruction, inspiration, support for shooting, and printing help? Join WPL's digital camera club! Club members decide month to month what the next month's topic will be. *Call the library at 262-534-3988 to register and find out this month's assignment.*

Crafting classes

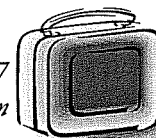
Two Cards & a Calendar

Thursday, January 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Make two greeting cards and one personal mini-calendar that will look nice on your desk, in the kitchen or by the phone. Class fee is \$10 if you provide your own double-sided tape adhesive or glue, or \$13 if you wish to have the instructor provide it. Registration deadline is Friday, January 2 with no refunds after that date. See samples at the circulation desk.

Altered Lunch Box

*Saturday, January 17
at 9:30 am*



Create a personalized box you can use to store recipe cards, photos, receipts, greeting cards, fill with flowers or give it as a gift! Participants are responsible for their personal decorating materials, with a list of the required decorations provided at registration and made available on our website. Class size is limited to 12 people. The final deadline for registration is Friday, January 9. No refunds will be given after that

date. Class fee is \$25 and needs to be paid at the time of registration. An example of the **Altered Lunch Box** will be on display at the library circulation desk.

Greeting Cards

Thursday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m.
Make three original greeting cards. Class fee is \$10 if you provide your own double-sided tape adhesive or glue, \$13 if you wish to have the instructor provide it for you. Registration deadline is Friday, February 6. Samples of the three cards will be on display at the library circulation desk.

Marble Coasters

Saturday, February 21 at 9:30 a.m.
Create your own marble coasters! We'll stamp and decorate each coaster to make it into a usable work of art! Participants will decide how many tiles (up to 4) they will make. Registration deadline is Friday, February 13. Class fee is to be paid at the time of registration. No refunds after that date. An example of the **Marble Coaster** will be displayed at the circulation desk.

Greeting Cards

Thursday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.
Make three greeting cards. Class fee is \$10 providing you bring your own double-sided tape adhesive or glue, \$13 if you wish to have the instructor provide it. The registration deadline is Friday, March 6. Samples will available at the circulation desk.

Large Clothespins

Saturday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m.
We will be decorating two large clothespins which can be used for showing off special photos, holding recipes, displaying your business card, etc. More details about this activity will be available at the library at the end of February when you can also see samples.



Cooking with Class

A food demonstration with flair!

Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as Cooking Instructor, Staci Joers turns some of her favorite foods from popular restaurant chains into easy recipes you can make in your own kitchen. In *Favorite Restaurant Knock-off Recipes*, Joers will demonstrate six recipes for participants, allow the class to sample the fare and then send you home with all the recipes and more. The class is designed to appeal to new cooks, but seasoned veterans will come away with new ideas and a few things they didn't know, as well! Registration is required by March 10th. The class fee of \$20 needs to be paid at the time of registration. Class size is limited to 35 students.



DONATIONS 4th Quarter

Friends of Waterford Library Riverview Inn

David Lazarus Memorial Dorothy Schloegl Memorial

These generous donations allow the library the ability to enhance our collection above and beyond what our budget affords. We are very appreciative of every gift mentioned above.

Copy cost to increase at Library

As of January 1, 2009, the cost per copy at our coin-op public copy machine will increase to .10/copy.

Remember.....

in tough economic times, your public library offers relief to your family's budget. Your library card gives you free access to computers books, movies and music! Right now, more people have library cards than at any other time in history. Stop in today!

Strings

A series of lifelines to help keep kids safe from alcohol.

Curfews work — enforce them.
Lock up your alcohol, count it, track it.
Love as a parent, not a friend.
Set rules — voice them, follow them.

Don't be swayed by what other parents are doing.
Never buy alcohol for kids because you think it's safer.
If you think your child is drinking, they probably are — address it now.

Limit alcohol at your own parties — kids are watching.
Never look the other way
when alcohol is being used by underage youth.
Band together with other like-minded parents.

Face it — as a parent, you will be the bad guy sometimes.
Don't be afraid of losing your child's love,
be afraid of losing them.

And no, not everyone is going on Spring Break with friends.

**Keeping kids safe from alcohol
is like flying a kite.**

Holding tight — letting go.
And with time, we can watch them fly.
Let them reach for the sky, *but with strings attached.*

focus

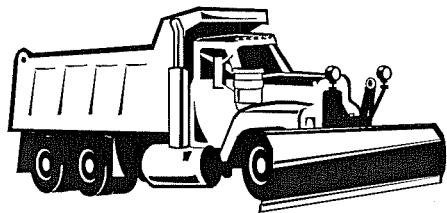
on Community™

262-632-6200

www.waterfordwi.org

©2008 WFL. All rights reserved.

Winter Reminders...



The snowplows have been out in full force these past couple of weeks with all the winter snow falling. The Department of Public Works thanks you for your patience while they were out cleaning up the streets after all of the snow that fell on the Village.

Since the snow has started to fall, it's a good time to remind residents that sidewalks must be shoveled and kept free of snow and ice within 24 hours

after a snowfall. Also, when shoveling your driveways, please do not throw the snow back into public roadways. This only delays Public Works Staff in getting the snow removed in a timely manner.

During the winter months it is also very important to adhere to the Odd/Even parking. Residents are no longer required to get a parking permit, but must still park on the correct side of the street. A good tip to remember where to park is if you are parking before midnight, park for whatever the date is after midnight. The Racine County Sheriffs Department is usually out between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and

6:00 a.m. issuing citations. It is especially important to follow the odd/even side parking in the winter months so plows can get through when cleaning up after a snowfall.

The Department of Public Works also asks that you do not place your garbage cans directly in the street on garbage day. If snow needs to be removed it is very difficult to both see the cans and/or maneuver around them.

If there is heavy snow fall, garbage pick up may be delayed a day or two. You can call the Village Hall at 534-3980 if you are unsure if they will be picking up on the regular garbage pick up day. ♦

Annual Health & Fitness Challenge to begin February 2nd!

Submitted by Western Racine County Health Department

The eight-week community Challenge known for stirring up friendly competition amongst businesses and community groups within Western Racine County will begin on February 2nd and runs through March 27th. The Challenge, sponsored by the Western Racine County Health Department, always proves to be a fun reminder to participants of the importance of regular physical activity and healthful food choices in a supportive team environment. This year participants will also learn ways to live a "greener" life!

Anyone can participate! Businesses, schools, church groups, mom's groups are all encouraged to "Team Up" and participate. If you have been thinking about eating better, adding more physical activity to your day, and helping out the environment, this is a great way to start.

Here's how the Challenge works: your organization forms teams of four

(there is no limit to the number of teams you may have) and keeps track of their points earned for physical activity, eating fruits and vegetables, drinking water, and engaging in other health behaviors each week of the challenge. Teams within your organization will compete with one another as well as with other teams in Western Racine County. At the end of the challenge, prizes will be awarded to both the top 5 organizations and to the top 5 teams that accumulated the most points overall.

Participating is fun and easy and there is no cost involved! All participants will be eligible to win great prizes and incentives for participating, and maybe develop some new healthy and "greener" habits along the way. *Businesses - check with your health insurance provider! Some insurance companies offer a discount if your employees participate in a Wellness

program.

If interested in participating, select an individual from your group or organization to be the Coordinator. The Coordinator will help encourage and recruit teams to sign up for the Challenge, as well as report team points to the Fitness Challenge Director each week. Have the Coordinator register your group by calling Julie Barnharst at 262.763.4937 or obtain a registration form online at www.wrchd.org. Please register before January 28th, 2009. Once registration is received, the Coordinator will receive a Coordinator's packet with additional details.

For further information contact::

Julie Barnharst,
Health Educator, Western Racine
County Health Department
(262) 763-4937
julie.barnharst@aurora.org ♦

Water and Sewer Information

The Village Water & Sewer Utility is located at 801 Ela Avenue, under the water tower in the Industrial Park. The office is open 7:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Please feel free to stop in or call us at 534-4069 if you have any questions about your account or about Utility operations.

WHERE IS ALL THAT WATER USED?

Most of the water is used in the bathroom. The largest water user in any household is the toilet, and at 2-7 gallons per flush, they account for around 27% of the water used in a typical home. Showers, at over 2 gallons per minute, account for around 17% of the water used, while other bathroom uses such as baths & faucets account for around 10%. The second highest water user is the washing machine. At around 41 gallons per load, clothes washing accounts for about 22% of the water used in a typical household.

Fix Leaks... Leaking toilets can account for a surprisingly large amount of water, as most leaks are located in the tank where they cannot be seen or heard. Leaking faucets, even those with small leaks of 60 drops per minute, can waste around 260 gallons per

month.

Use water wisely... Run washing machines and dishwasher only with full loads, or by using lower time and load selections. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator for drinking instead of letting the water run for several minutes to reach the desired temperature. Take shorter showers; turn off the water while brushing your teeth and put food scraps in the garbage instead of the garbage disposal.

BILLING DATES

Water and sewer bills are mailed quarterly, usually about one week before the first of January, April, July, and October. Payment is due on the 20th of each of these months. To avoid a 3% penalty, payment must be received or postmarked by the due date. You may mail the payment, pay in person at the Utility office or use the drop box in front of the building for after hours payments.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Water & Sewer Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Utility office at 801 Ela Avenue. Special meetings may be held occasionally to discuss important issues. Meetings are

open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend and offer comments and suggestions.

PAY YOUR BILL ON LINE OR BY CREDIT CARD

As part of our commitment to provide our customers with efficient, convenient service, the Water & Sewer Utility has collaborated with Official Payments to offer electronic or credit card payment of water bills over the internet or by telephone. Official Payments, the service provider, charges a convenience fee of \$3.00 per electronic check and \$6.95 per credit card payment.

To use this service, visit www.vi.waterford.wi.gov or call the toll free number, 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829). You will be required to enter the jurisdiction code **6724** and your account number. ♦

To Pay by Credit Card or Electronic Check



Visit www.vi.waterford.wi.gov
or call **1-800-2PAY-TAX**
(Use Jurisdiction Code **6724**)

Official Payments, the service provider, charges a nominal fee for this service

Western Racine County Provides Immunizations at Library

On the third Monday of each month, Western Racine County Health Department provides an immunization clinic at the Waterford Public Library from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.

An administration fee will be charged for all immunizations:

Resident = \$10 per visit. Maximum charge of \$30 for a resident family.*

Non-resident = \$15 per visit. Maxi-

mum charge \$45 for a non-resident family*

Children's vaccines that are available for administration fee only: Chicken Pox, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hib Meningitis, HPV, Measles, Meningococcal, Mumps, Pertussis, Pneumococcal, Polio, Rotavirus, Rubella, Tetanus, and Influenza (in season).

Adult's vaccines available: Tetanus

(available for administration fee only), Hepatitis B (\$40 plus administration fee) and TB Skin Test (\$10 plus administration fee, must call 24 hours in advance to schedule).

*Questions can be directed to:
Western Racine County Health Department
262-763-4930 or 800-688-4930.
Website: www.wrchd.org.*

*Administration fees may be waived. ♦